

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 2776 – SB 3590

March 27, 2012

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (015418): Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Replaces the Wildlife Resources Commission with the Tennessee Fish and Wildlife Commission. The new Commission will be comprised of 13 members, all citizen members who are well informed on the subject of conservation of game animals, birds, and fish in the state. Requires the Governor to appoint nine board members and the Speakers of the Senate and House of Representatives to appoint two members each. Commission members will not receive compensation but will receive travel reimbursement for six meetings per year. Requires the Governor to strive to ensure that the typical hunter and angler are represented in appointments made to the Commission.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Expenditures - \$300/One-Time/Wildlife Resources Fund

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$400/One-Time/Wildlife Resources Fund

Other Fiscal Impact – According to the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency, the Agency will fund the one-time increase in expenditures of \$400 with existing fee revenue in the Wildlife Resources Fund.

Assumptions applied to amendment:

- The total number of members serving on the Commission will remain the same.
- The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA) will buy nameplates and business cards for the 13 citizen members at a cost of \$318.50 [(13 x \$16 per nameplate) + (13 members x \$8.50 per box of business cards)].
- TWRA will also buy new stationary (\$6.60) and envelopes (\$59.00) at a total cost of \$65.60.
- The basic duties of the Commission will remain the same.
- Replaces two current Commission positions, currently filled by the Commissioner of the Department of Environment and Conservation and the Commissioner of the Department of Agriculture, with two citizen members. Any increase or decrease in travel costs incurred by these two new citizen members, in comparison with those costs incurred by the commissioners is expected to be not significant.

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- According to TWRA, there is sufficient revenue currently being collected to fund the \$384.10 one-time increase in state expenditures.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucian" and last name "Geise" clearly distinguishable.

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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